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UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All wheat producers across the **United States** seeded 62.9 million acres and expect to harvest 54.4 million acres. Winter wheat producers now expect to harvest 35.4 million acres, up 2 percent from the June forecast. Barley seedings last fall and this spring totaled 5.70 million acres, up 9 percent from the 5.22 million acres seeded a year ago. Barley producers expect to harvest 5.24 million acres in 2000, up 10 percent from last year.

Corn producers planted 79.6 million acres of corn for all purposes this year, up 3 percent from last year. Growers expect to harvest 73.1 million acres for grain, up 4 percent from 1999. Soybean plantings are estimated at 74.5 million acres, up 1 percent from last year's crop. Area for harvest is estimated at 73.5 million acres, up 1 percent from 1999. The Nation's planted acreage of sorghum is estimated at 8.81 million acres, down 5 percent from last year to the lowest level on record. The acreage expected for grain harvest this year is estimated at 8.11 million acres, down 5 percent from 1999 to the lowest level since 1953.

Sunflower producers have planted 2.87 million acres of that crop this year, down 19 percent from last year. They expect to harvest 2.78 million acres, also 19 percent less than they harvested in 1999. The planted area for oil varieties is down 14 percent to 2.36 million acres while the acreage of non-oil varieties is down 36 percent to 506,000 acres. The planted acreage for dry beans is estimated at 1.77 million acres for this year, down 13 percent from a year earlier. The area for harvest is initially set at 1.65 million acres, down 12 percent from a year ago.

The nation's sugar beet producers expect to plant 1.56 million acres of beets this year, up fractionally from 1999. They expect to harvest 1.53 million acres, slightly lower than a year earlier. Growers in the summer potato producing states planted 64,800 acres this year and intend to harvest 62,700 acres. Because of some seasonal changes in the program for some states, the 2000 data are not completely comparable with the 1999 acreages.

Producers expect to harvest 62.2 million acres of all hay this year, down 2 percent from the 63.2 million acres harvested last year. The alfalfa hay acreage is down 1 percent to 23.8 million acres and the other hay acreage is down 2 percent from a year ago to 38.4 million acres.

2000 JUNE ACREAGE

COLORADO HIGHLIGHTS

Colorado corn producers intend to harvest 1,230,000 acres for grain from the 1,350,000 acres planted in 2000. This is an increase of 10 percent for both planted and intended grain acreage from last year and the largest area in corn for all purposes since 1937. Sorghum plantings, at 230,000 acres, is unchanged from the previous year and growers expect to harvest 200,000 acres for grain, down 5,000 acres from the 1999 crop. Winter wheat producers expect to harvest 2,350,000 acres from the 2,500,000 planted in the fall of 1999. Planted acres are down 100,000 acres from last year while acres for harvest are down 50,000. Spring wheat seedings, at 48,000 acres, decreased 9 percent from 1999 while acreage for harvest is expected to decrease 8 percent to 46,000 acres. Oat plantings increased 10,000 acres from 1999 to 60,000 acres and producers plan to harvest 25,000 acres for grain, up 5,000 acres from last year. Barley planted acres, at 100,000, is 5,000 above last year's acreage. Expected harvested acres, is 95,000 up 10 percent from 1999. Proso millet seedings are expected to reach 190,000 acres this year, down 60,000 acres from 1999. All hay area to be harvested is expected to increase 30,000 acres from a year ago to 1,550,000 acres. All other hay expected to be harvested is up 60,000 to 680,000 acres. Alfalfa hay acreage is expected to decline 30,000 from last year to 870,000 acres. Sugar beet plantings decreased to 71,300 acres, down 800 acres from last year and the expected harvested area, at 67,500 acres, is 1,000 less than last year. Dry beans are down 23 percent to 120,000 planted acres, the smallest area planted since 1921, with expected harvested acres set at 110,000. All sunflower planted area decreased 95,000 acres from last year's record high acreage to 175,000. This ranks as the second largest area planted in sunflowers since estimates began in 1991. Oil type varieties totaled 120,000 acres while non-oil type varieties is set at 55,000 acres. Summer potatoes showed a 7 percent increase in planted acres to 8,100 with the expected harvested area to reach 7,900 acres.

**Planted and Harvested Acres
Colorado and United States, 1998-99**

Area and Crop	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres	
	1999	2000	1999	Intended 2000
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres	
COLORADO:				
All Corn <u>1/</u>	1,230	1,350	1,120	1,230
All Sorghum <u>1/</u> . .	230	230	205	200
All Wheat	2,653	2,548	2,450	2,396
Winter Wheat . . .	2,600	2,500	2,400	2,350
Spring Wheat . . .	53	48	50	46
Oats	50	60	20	25
Barley	95	100	86	95
Proso Millet	250	190	240	<u>3/</u>
All Hay . . . . .	...	...	1,520	1,550
Alfalfa Hay . . . . .	...	...	900	870
Other Hay . . . . .	...	...	620	680
Sugar beets	72.1	71.3	68.5	67.5
Dry edible beans . .	155.0	120.0	145.0	110.0
Sunflowers, All . . .	270	175	265	165
Oil	175	120	172	113
Non-Oil	95	55	93	52
Summer potatoes .	7.6	8.1	7.4	7.9
UNITED STATES:				
All Corn <u>1/</u>	77,431	79,579	70,537	73,088
All Sorghum <u>1/</u> . . .	9,288	8,805	8,544	8,110
All Wheat <u>2/</u>	62,814	62,946	53,909	54,445
Winter Wheat . . .	43,431	43,349	35,572	35,401
Spring Wheat . . .	15,348	15,547	14,768	15,058
Oats	4,670	4,472	2,453	2,472
Barley	5,223	5,702	4,758	5,235
Rye	1,582	1,327	383	309
Proso Millet	600	450	540	<u>3/</u>
All Hay . . . . .	...	...	63,160	62,181
Alfalfa Hay . . . . .	...	...	23,985	23,767
Other Hay . . . . .	...	...	39,175	38,414
Sugar beets	1,560.6	1,560.9	1,527.3	1,526.6
Dry edible beans . .	2,023.0	1,767.0	1,877.0	1,652.5
Sunflowers, All . . .	3,553	2,866	3,441	2,775
Oil	2,757	2,360	2,695	2,291
Non-Oil	796	506	746	484
Summer potatoes .	68.8	64.8	63.9	62.7
Soybeans	73,780	74,501	72,476	73,474

1/ Planted all purposes, harvested for grain.

2/ Includes Durum Wheat.

3/ To be released January 2001 in the Annual Crop Summary.

GRAIN STOCKS

JUNE 1, 2000

All wheat stocks in **Colorado** as of June 1, 2000 totaled 35.22 million bushels, up 3 percent from one year earlier. Farm stocks were down 14 percent to 12.5 million bushels but off-farm stocks increased 15 percent to 22.72 million bushels. **Corn** stocks, at 31.03 million bushels, were down 24 percent from a year ago. Farm

stocks declined 28 percent to 18.0 million bushels and off-farm stocks were down 17 percent to 13.03 million bushels.

Nationally, corn stocks in all positions as of June 1, 2000 totaled 3.59 billion bushels, 1 percent below a year earlier. Farm stocks were down 10 percent to 2.03 billion bushels but off-farm stocks were up 15 percent to 1.56 billion bushels. The March-May 2000 disappearance of 2.02 bushels is 3 percent below the disappearance of 2.08 billion bushels during the same period a year ago.

Old crop all wheat stocks on hand June 1, 2000 totaled 950 million bushels, up slightly from last June to the largest June number since the 1987-88 market year. Farm stocks of 227 million bushels were down 18 percent but off-farm stocks increased 8 percent to 723 million bushels. All wheat disappearance for the fourth quarter is 465 million bushels, down 8 percent from the same period in 1999.

Soybeans stored in all positions totaled 775 million bushels, down 9 percent. Farm stocks totaled 370 million bushels, down 19 percent while off-farm stocks were up 4 percent to 405 million bushels. Disappearance for the March-May 2000 period totaled 621 million bushels, up 2 percent from the same period one year earlier.

**Grain Stocks, Colorado and United States
June 1, 1998-99**

Grain and Position <u>1/</u>	Colorado		United States	
	1999	2000	1999	2000
	1,000 Bushels			
All wheat				
On farms	14,500	12,500	277,710	226,780
Off farms . . .	19,760	22,715	668,208	723,293
Total	34,260	35,215	945,918	950,073
Corn				
On farms	25,000	18,000	2,257,000	2,029,800
Off farms . . .	15,740	13,025	1,359,225	1,557,112
Total	40,740	31,025	3,616,225	3,586,912
Barley				
On farms	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	52,000	25,400
Off farms . . .	4,170	2,800	89,653	86,326
Total	<u>3/</u>	<u>2/</u>	141,653	111,726
Oats				
On farms	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	40,700	36,000
Off farms . . .	88	85	40,678	40,027
Total	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	81,378	76,027
Sorghum				
On farms	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	27,400	27,300
Off farms . . .	440	855	88,680	99,682
Total	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	116,080	126,982
Soybeans				
On farms	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	458,000	370,000
Off farms . . .	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	390,573	404,996
Total	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	848,573	774,996

1/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

2/ Not estimated.

3/ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES

JUNE 15, 2000

The All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in June was 99 based on 1990-92=100, down 2 points (2.0 percent) from the May index. Lower prices for lettuce, corn, cattle, soybeans, and broccoli more than offset price increases for eggs, strawberries, milk, and celery. Compared with June 1999, the All Farm Products Index was 2 points (2.1 percent) higher. Price increases from June 1999 for hogs, cattle, lettuce, and soybeans more than offset price decreases for milk, oranges, corn, and broilers.

The June All Crops Index was 99, down 4.8 percent from May and 1.0 percent below June 1999. The June all wheat price, at \$2.52 per bushel, was down 7 cents from the May price but 2 cents above June 1999. The corn price, at \$1.81 per bushel, was down 29 cents from May and 16 cents below the June 1999 price. The all hay price, at \$82.50 per ton, was down \$6.90 from last month but 80 cents above June 1999. The soybean price, at \$4.91 per bushel, was down 28 cents from May but 47 cents above June 1999.

The June Livestock and Products Index, at 99, was unchanged from last month but up 4.2 percent from June 1999. The June hog price was \$47.90 per cwt, down 60 cents from May but up \$13.80 from a year ago. The June beef cattle price of \$67.90 was down \$1.50 from last month but up \$4.20 from June 1999. The June all milk price, at \$12.20 per cwt, was up 20 cents from May but down 90 cents from last year. June prices increased for both fluid and manufacturing grade milk. Cheese prices were down the first two weeks of June but up the third week.

Prices Received and Paid Summary United States

Index 1990-92 = 100	1999		2000	
	May	June	May	June
	Percent			
Prices Received	98	97	101	99
Prices Paid	115	115	120	120
Ratio 1/	85	84	84	83

1/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid.

Compared with June 1999, all **Colorado** crop prices except all barley, feed barley and other hay averaged lower. All livestock items averaged higher except cows which remained unchanged. Mid-June 2000 wheat, at \$2.26 per bushel, increased 5 cents from the previous month but was 10 cents lower than June a year ago. Corn prices decreased fourteen cents from May to \$1.96 per bushel and averaged 4 cents below June 1999. The all barley average price, at \$1.80 per bushel, decreased 6 cents from last month but was 9 cents above June a year ago. The mid-June potato price, at \$3.60 per cwt, decreased 30 cents from last month and was \$2.30 per cwt lower than June a year ago. The dry bean average price, at \$13.60 per cwt, was unchanged from last month but was thirty cents per cwt below June a year ago. The alfalfa hay price, at \$67.00 per ton, was unchanged from May but was \$8.00 lower than June 1999. The other hay price, at \$67.00 per ton, increased \$2.00 from last month

and June a year ago. The mid-June steer and heifer price decreased \$2.00 from last month to \$70.00 per cwt but averaged \$3.60 above the \$66.40 per cwt a year ago. Cow prices were unchanged from last month at \$41.50 per cwt but were \$5.10 per cwt higher than June 1999. Calf prices, at \$98.00 per cwt, decreased \$9.00 from May but were \$7.00 higher than the \$91.00 per cwt received a year ago.

Average Prices Received By Farmers 1/

Item	Unit	Colorado		
		June 1999	May 2000	June 2000
Crops		Dollars		
Wheat	Bu.	2.36	2.21	2.26
Corn	Bu.	2.00	2.10	1.96
Barley (All)	Bu.	1.71	1.86	1.80
Barley (Feed)	Bu.	1.70	1.73	1.80
Potatoes	Cwt	5.90	3.90	3.60
Dry edible beans	Cwt	13.90	13.60	13.60
Alfalfa hay (baled)	Ton	75.00	67.00	67.00
Other hay (baled)	Ton	65.00	65.00	67.00
Livestock & Products .				
Beef Cattle	Cwt	64.30	69.90	68.60
Steers & heifers	Cwt	66.40	72.00	70.00
Cows	Cwt	36.40	41.50	41.50
Calves	Cwt	91.00	107.00	98.00
Sheep	Cwt	31.10	27.90	2/
Lambs	Cwt	82.90	98.10	2/
		United States		
Crops		Dollars		
Wheat	Bu.	2.50	2.59	2.52
Corn	Bu.	1.97	2.10	1.81
Soybeans	Bu.	4.44	5.19	4.91
Barley (All)	Bu.	1.70	2.19	2.06
Barley (Feed)	Bu.	1.55	1.93	1.91
Sorghum	Cwt	2.85	3.38	3.12
Potatoes	Cwt	6.51	6.62	6.32
Dry edible beans	Cwt	18.90	17.00	15.30
Alfalfa hay (baled)	Ton	85.00	93.90	85.70
Other hay (baled)	Ton	68.50	71.30	70.90
Onions	Cwt	14.40	16.60	13.60
Livestock & Products				
Beef Cattle	Cwt	63.70	69.40	67.90
Steers & heifers	Cwt	66.70	73.20	71.30
Cows	Cwt	36.70	38.90	39.20
Calves	Cwt	89.00	107.00	103.00
Sheep	Cwt	81.30	96.40	2/
Lambs	Cwt	28.90	30.50	2/
Hogs	Cwt	34.10	48.50	47.90
Milk sold to plants	Cwt	13.10	12.00	12.20
Broilers	Lb.	0.387	0.370	0.370

1/ Prices received by farmers refer to prices at the point of first sale out of farmer's hands and should not be confused with prices of specific grades or classes of a particular agricultural commodity. They do not include direct government payments.

2/ Discontinued.

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HOGS AND PIGS JUNE 1, 2000

The **U.S. inventory** of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2000, was 59.4 million head. This was 2 percent below June 1999, but 2 percent above March 1, 2000. The breeding inventory, at 6.23 million head, was down 4 percent from June 1, 1999, but up slightly from March 1, 2000. The market hog inventory, at 53.2 million head, was 2 percent below last year, but 2 percent above last quarter.

The March-May 2000 U.S. pig crop, at 25.8 million head, was 2 percent less than 1999, and 4 percent less than 1998. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.91 million head, 3 percent below last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 47 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter rose to 8.89 pigs saved per litter for the March-May period, compared to 8.80 pigs last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.80 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.85 million sows farrow during the June-August 2000 quarter, 2 percent below the actual farrowings during the same period in 1999, and 7 percent below 1998. Intended farrowings for September-November 2000, at 2.86 million sows, are 1 percent above the same period last year, but 4 percent below 1998.

The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 32 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 30 percent last year.

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Hogs and Pigs, June 1, 1998-99

Item	17 States ^{1/}		United States	
	1999	2000	1999	2000
1,000 Head				
All Hogs & Pigs . .	56,875	55,640	60,896	59,397
Kept for breeding	6,010	5,750	6,515	6,234
Market	50,865	49,890	54,380	53,164
Under 60 lbs. . .	19,210	18,985	20,532	20,188
60-119 lbs	12,665	12,440	13,501	13,247
120-179 lbs . . .	10,345	10,010	11,076	10,700
180 lbs. & over .	8,645	8,455	9,272	9,029
Sows Farrowed:				
Dec. ^{2/} thru Feb .	2,671	2,606	2,891	2,819
Mar. thru May . .	2,759	2,688	2,986	2,905
Dec. thru May . .	5,430	5,294	5,877	5,724
Pig Crop:				
Dec. ^{2/} thru Feb .	23,365	22,933	25,247	24,777
Mar. thru May . .	24,302	23,930	26,270	25,831
Dec. thru May . .	47,667	46,863	51,517	50,609

^{1/} AR, CO, IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, NC, OH, OK, PA, SD, TX, and WI. ^{2/} December preceding year.

UPCOMING REPORTS

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